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NOBLES IN THE ARMED FORCES

THE March issue of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS carried a full page dedicated to the Honor Roll of Aleppo Temple which consisted of the names of the Nobles of Aleppo who have answered the call to the colors and are serving our country in its Armed Forces, according to information received by the Recorder.

Since the printing of this list several more Nobles have been reported as serving in the Armed Forces. We therefore pay tribute to these honorable Nobles and wish them success and victory in the task which lies before them. The following 21 names, together with those listed in the March issue of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS, make a total of 244 Nobles of Aleppo now in the Armed Forces of our country.

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MEYER WEKER
ROY W. WILSON



SHRINE LUNCHEON TUESDAY, MAY 25

THE next Shrine Luncheon of Aleppo Temple will be held on the regular Shrine luncheon day, the fourth Tuesday in May. The guest speaker for this occasion has not been able to accept the invitation of the committee as we go to press, due to the uncertainty of his work in the present crisis. However, we feel sure he will accept and we will have a speaker who will give us another stirring and enlightening address similar to the one enjoyed at the April luncheon and delivered by Hon. Jarvis Hunt, President of the Massachusetts State Senate.

This luncheon will culminate the Shrine luncheon season, and although conditions are very uncertain, it is hoped that we may be able to resume again in September as has been the practice in the past.

Make a note of this date and attend the final luncheon at the Copley-Plaza Hotel, Tuesday, May 25, at 12:30 p.m.

The luncheon committee wish to thank the Nobles and friends of Aleppo Temple who have assisted in making these luncheons a success in the past through the donation of door prizes.



POTENTATE WILSON MADE GROTTO MEMBER AT SIGHT

AT a recent joint gathering of the Worcester County Shrine Club and Aleathea Grotto of Worcester, Aleppo Temple was singularly honored when its Illustrious Potentate, Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr. was made a Prophet of Aleathea Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., at sight.

This ceremony, which is reserved for Masons of distinction, and executed only by the Grand Monarch, was conducted by Grand Monarch Smith in connection with his visit to the Grottos of the Eastern part of the country.

A reception and dinner was held in the Bancroft Hotel and was attended by over 300 Prophets and Nobles who acted as hosts to over 100 soldiers from Fort Devens and Camp Framingham, they having been invited to attend the banquet and entertainment as the guests of these two Masonic organizations.

Previous to the dinner Aleathea Grotto held a short business meeting at which time they elected and obligated 25 candidates into their organization.



ISMAILIA TEMPLE CIRCUS BIG SUCCESS

THE ninth annual circus held by Ismailia Temple, Buffalo, N. Y., April 26 to May 1, closed, being as most successful of any yet held in that city.

The circus was produced by the Hamid-Morton Co. under the direction of Noble Bob Morton, whose name is synonymous with Shrine Circuses throughout the East.

Ismailia Temple Circus was directed by Past Potentate Henry P. Bronkie, director general, who was assisted by Illustrious Nobles George H. Rowe, Potentate George Obenauer, Edward G. Zeigler, Henry Z. Land and many other distinguished Nobles of their Temple. The circus committee is assured of a huge success accompanied by a large profit which is to be used for the benefit of the Buffalo *Evening News'* "Smokes-for-Soldiers-Fund" and Ismailia Temple Shrine Charities.

We salute the boys from Buffalo, and wish them continued success in their future undertakings.



INTERNATIONAL SHRINE CLUB

THE annual meeting of the International Shrine Club of St. Petersburg was held in that city April 5, 1943, with seven of Aleppo's Nobles, who are members of the club, present.

This club is composed of 138 Shriners, representing 34 Temples, located in 20 states. The Nobles of Aleppo who hold membership in this unique Shrine organization include Ralph J. Baker, William M. Burrell, John Davidson, Bert K. Filer, Walter A. Knight, Arthur E. Linnell and Herbert A. Stockbridge.

Noble Linnell, one of Aleppo's members who makes an annual visit to St. Petersburg, reports that Noble Knight met with an accident on January 6th, confining him to a hospital from which he has only recently been released.



ANOTHER GENERAL IN ALEPPO

IN a recent issue of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS we reported that Noble A. O. Gorder, of Aleppo, who is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, had been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

Word has just been received that another one of Aleppo's Nobles has been similarly honored. Noble George J. Richards, who is stationed at the Headquarters of the Service of Supplies at Washington, D. C., was recently promoted to the grade of Brigadier General, G. S. C., United States Army.

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A complete list of the members of the Fund is printed on this page. All subsequent subscribers will be listed in future issues of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS.

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| 75 PAUL B. TORPPA | *154 KIMBALL ALLEN HERSEY |
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6:40 P.M.—Business Meeting

6:50 P.M.—Patrol Drill—Evening Parade
and Review

8:10 P.M.—Degree Staff—Second Section

8:45 P.M.—Grand Vaudeville Show



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N.B. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR OUR MAY 28TH CEREMONIAL: CANDIDATES—28; REINSTATEMENTS—14; AFFILIATIONS—2. WILL YOUR NAME BE ON OUR HONOR ROLL AS THE SPONSOR OF A CANDIDATE IN THE JUNE ISSUE OF ALEPPO NEWS?

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PRAYER RUG

By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY
Associate Editor

FOR many happy years the Degree Staff has gotten along without illness of any form, but for the last few months it has been necessary to report the illness of many of the boys. Emil Zepp has been seriously ill and is now recuperating at the Faulkner Hospital. We wish "Zepp" a speedy recovery and hope he is back with us very soon.

The engagement of Sam Cohen's son, James, to Anita Marshall of Holyoke has been announced. James has received his third degree from Mount Scopus Lodge of Masons, Malden.

The Potentate's Ball and Ladies' Night at the Copley-Plaza, April 30, 1943, was greatly enjoyed by Degree Staff members. We suggest more affairs that would bring the Nobility and the ladies together.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY FOR NOBLE

ANOTHER one of Aleppo's Nobles, Dr. Gerhard W. Zedren, with Mrs. Zedren, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The Zedrens celebrated the event on Saturday, March 27, 1943, at the home of their son, Noble Gerald F. Zedren in Newton.

The Zedrens, who were married in 1893, received many congratulations from their relatives and the many friends they have made throughout these golden years. Noble Zedren joined Aleppo Temple in 1921 and is a charter member of Norumbega Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Newton Royal Arch Chapter, Cryptic Council, Gethsemane Commandery of Newtonville, and the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Boston. He was originally raised a Master Mason in Gate of the Temple Lodge in South Boston in 1902.

We salute the Zedrens and hope they may enjoy many more years of happiness surrounded by golden thoughts of the past.



GLOUCESTER NOBLE HONORED BY GRAND COMMANDERY

SEVERAL hundred Nobles and Knights Templars from the Gloucester area gathered in Masonic Temple in that city last month to assist in honoring one of Aleppo's oldest Nobles, Frank H. Davis.

Following the annual inspection of Bethlehem Commandery No. 43, Knights Templars of Gloucester Grand Commander William O. Tuckerman called Past Commander Davis to the East where he commended him for his special record in serving Bethlehem Commandery for 50 years as an officer. Mr. Davis began as Steward in the Commandery, in which position he served for two years. He was a Guard for six years, a Warder for five years, and for the past thirty-seven years has served in the office of Sword Bearer. Grand Commander Tuckerman presented Noble Davis with a beautiful bouquet of



NOBLES AND PROPHETS OF THE SHRINE AND GROTTTO of Worcester Participate in a Joint Celebration. Left to right: Ayton F. Smith, President of Worcester County Shrine Club; Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr., Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple; Judge Edward J. Smith of New York, Grand Monarch of the Grottoes of the United States and Canada, and William C. Williams, Monarch of Aletheia Grotto.

carnations, a personal gift for Mrs. Davis. He then presented Noble Davis an appropriately inscribed anniversary card with the signatures of the Grand Commander and those present, which included F. Henry Coffie, Grand Warder; Luther L. Weller, Grand Prelate, and a distinguished suite of Commandery officers from neighboring Commanderies.

Ceremonies for the inspection of the Commandery were carried out by acting Commander Robert B. Knowles, assisted by the officers of Bethlehem Commandery. There were ten visiting Commanderies including one from the State of Ohio.

Many Nobles of Aleppo attended as members of the suite of the Grand Commander, among whom were the following Past Commanders, Presiding Commanders and line officers: Herbert B. Lundy, DeMolay No. 7; Samuel R. Smith, Temple No. 48; Arthur A. Austin, Coeur de Lion No. 34; George W. Fitz, Coeur de Lion No. 34; Prescott W. Eaton, Newburyport No. 3; Arthur S. Lord, Newburyport No. 3, and Henry Merson, Newburyport No. 3.

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Any Nobles of Aleppo expecting to be in the vicinity of Syracuse on that date and wishing to attend this ceremony should contact George A. Hill, Recorder, Hotel Onondaga, Telephone 2-0974.



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PATROL PATER

By J. ARTHUR MCCOY
Associate Editor

TWO more members of the Patrol have gone into service, both of the Third Platoon. Meyer Weker has entered the armed services and Bert Walke is in the merchant marine. Very little news has been received of any of our men in the service or of our members' sons. Harold Burr, Jr., has finished his basic training as a marine and is now in New Zealand, 12,000 miles away from home.

Now that the annual Potentate's Ball is over there seems to be no events scheduled ahead on the calendar. Harry Cormerais did a nice job in directing the grand march. He has had a lot of experience in that in the old days of the Army and Navy Club.

Our medical staff members are so busy in their professional work that they have not been able to attend the last few drills. We are glad to learn that Dr. Chisholm's eye trouble, which has been quite serious, is now clearing up. But it will be some time before he is fully recovered. In Dr. Stacey's office I saw an interesting group picture of the doctor and other officers, which was taken during the last war. The picture was taken at Carlstron Field, Arcadia, Florida, which is now a training field for the British Air Service. In 1916, when the picture was taken, there were two thousand men with fourteen doctors at that flying field, and Dr. Stacey was one of our first flying medicos. They used old Curtis planes, which were quite different from present day planes. He was in two crashes, in one of which the plane fell a thousand feet and his pilot was killed. The doctor did not get overseas, but started twice, only to be recalled at the port of departure.

Our two members, who are Inspecting Officers in the Grand Commandery, are now completing their inspections for the year. Em. Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr., with Em. Frank Ells, as Deputy Grand Warder, inspected Gethsemane Commandery in Newtonville, April 22. The mark was ten minus, for which some of the credit belongs to Generalissimo Harold Burr, and some credit also to Sirs Beaudoin, Lamb, Naylor, and Rice, who are members. Em. William Sharpe, Em. Bert Lundy, and Sir Clyde Carter brightened the occasion with their presence. Em. Walter Weidig, of the First Platoon, is also a member and a Past Commander of Gethsemane.

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Em. George A. Weeks, with Em. N. Russell Lynn as Deputy Grand Warder, inspected Winslow Lewis Commandery at Salem, April 7, and Haverhill Commandery, April 27. I think there are no members of these Commanderies at present on the Patrol.

We welcome three new members this month: Anthony H. Schuman is a line-man for the Edison Company, lives in South Boston, and is a member of Gate of the Temple Lodge, St. Matthews' Chapter, and St. Omer Commandery. George A. Hinckley is chief engineer at Radio Station W.L.A.W., lives in Jamaica Plain, and is a member of Lafayette Lodge, and Massachusetts Consistory. Arthur F. Lambert is a toolmaker at the Watertown Arsenal, and is a member of Pequossett Lodge, Watertown Chapter, and Gethsemane Commandery. Noble Lambert formerly served seven years in the navy.

On May 11, Beth-Horon Lodge of Brookline, Bob Bochner, presiding Master, held a "Shrine Night" with Past Masters of the Patrol filling all the stations. They worked the Fellowship Degree, with Gus Schlaugh as Master, Karl Reece, Senior Warden, Leslie Dixon as Junior Warden, Bill Davis as Secretary, Bill Odell, Treasurer, George Weeks as Senior Deacon, Alec Campbell, Junior Deacon, Harry Squires as Senior Steward, Roland Paul, Junior Steward, Ernest Telfer as Chaplain, and Alden Leland as Marshal. Wor. Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr. was the guest speaker.

PATROL ROLL OF HONOR

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NOBLE LYNN HONORED

ANOTHER one of Aleppo Temple's Nobles has been honored by the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Noble N. Russell Lynn, an aide to the Potentate of Aleppo and one of Aleppo's active Nobles, was recently appointed the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of South Carolina. Noble Lynn recently received his appointment from Grand Commander William O. Tuckerman of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, himself a life member of Aleppo Temple.

Noble Lynn, who is a Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery of Dorchester, is the present Deputy Warder of the Third Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Subsequent to his Grand Commandery appointment, Noble Lynn was honored by Cambridge Commandery, Cambridge, Mass., his home city, by the presentation of an honorary membership in that Commandery in consideration of his active work in Templar Masonry.

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NOBLE LIEUTENANT J. SIDNEY WOLF, of Almas Temple of Washington, D. C., who is now serving as Public Relations Officer of the Boston Air Defense Wing, has called our attention to a way in which civilian men and women are contributing patriotically and generously to the defense of the nation. A campaign under the direction of Lt. Wolf is now under way to secure additional civilian volunteers for the vitally important activity. Noble Governor Leverett Saltonstall has already made a plea to the people of Massachusetts. We believe that many of our Nobles will feel that this is a way in which they too will wish to serve our nation. Any patriotic man between the ages of 18 and 50 who can give up a part of his time each week can share in this vitally important service.

The location of the center is a military secret but Nobles who wish to volunteer may contact Assistant Recorder Harvey Leggee, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, who will arrange a night on which army officials can meet them.

The thousands and thousands of observers stationed throughout New England report planes over their station to the center filter room where the information is relayed to the operations room and plotted on huge colored maps. Officials of the army and navy watch the progress of each flight from a balcony overlooking the maps and identify every plane in the sky. In the event a plane is not identified instantly, fighter pilots are sent up to investigate and fight it off, should it be hostile.

The primary purpose of this activity is to detect and follow the course of enemy planes in the event of attack. Today planes travel more than three hundred miles an hour and our pilots depend upon these civilians for advance warning so they can get into flying togs and warm up their motors before the enemy is overhead.

This does not mean that the workers at the center sit idly by until we are attacked by the enemy. These civilian

volunteers perform a vitally important work every day. They have already saved life and property. Pilots flying over New England for the first time are frequently guided by these patriotic men and women, and in the event of a crash, aid can be rushed to the spot. Upon one occasion food was parachuted to a snowbound observation post by a plane guided through the information center. At another time a bomber flying up from Texas became lost in a storm and planes were sent up to guide it to a landing field before the gas was exhausted. This would not have been possible if it were not for the civilians at work at the Boston Information Center.

This system has already been tried and tested. It played an important part in the defense of Britain during the heavy Blitz raids. The American system is an improvement over anything used in England but the original plans were brought to the United States in the heads of army officials because it was deemed to be too dangerous to make notes.

More civilians are urgently needed at the center NOW. With the spring and summer months there will be an increase in air activity. No special training is necessary and any man between the ages of 18 and 50 can acquire skill after a few easy lessons. Noble Wolf tells us that volunteers may select hours which will not conflict with civilian jobs but at present more volunteers are particularly needed on shifts from midnight to six a.m., from six to ten a.m. and from ten a.m. to two p.m. We hope many Nobles will wish to share in the defense of our New England homes and industries.

Sons who are fighting in jungles, on hot desert sands and in cold, dreary outposts depend upon us civilians on the home front to protect their loved ones. Let us not fail. The enemy will hesitate to strike at points where citizens are alert.

Lieutenant Wolf tells us that there are now men and women working at the center who have come from all walks of life. They have found a common interest in defending New Eng-

land homes and industries from the attacks of a cruel and ruthless enemy who has already threatened to bomb us. At the Boston Center there are war workers, bankers, lawyers, salesgirls and stenographers. Almost every business and profession is represented in its filter and operations rooms. There is a retired Major who served with the air corps in the last war and the wife of a prominent pilot who is a Major in this war. This is a vitally important work. Let's share in it, get in touch with Noble Leggee at 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, today.



ALEPPO BAND ENTERTAINS AT CAMP DEVENS

ON the invitation of Colonel Haig of Camp Devens, Aleppo Temple Shriners' Band journeyed to the Camp Monday evening, May 3, and entertained the soldiers with an evening program of band music.

The concert was held in the Auditorium of the New Station Hospital at 6:45 p.m.

Colonel Haig ordered all other activities for the evening cancelled in order to give the officers, enlisted men and patients as well as the nurses a chance to enjoy the concert of the nationally known Aleppo Shrine Band. A record crowd of musicians turned out to give their best for the convalescing soldiers.

Bandmaster Walter Smith and his noble musicians were given great applause by their audience, and the officers who arranged the program thanked the Nobles, who made the round trip from Boston by bus, for their co-operation in helping to build up and maintain the morale of the boys in khaki.

Illustrious Potentate Wilson of Aleppo Temple was introduced and responded briefly relative to the assistance Aleppo Temple and the Shrinedom of North America are giving in the war effort.

Through the courtesy of Aleppo Temple each of the several hundred patients in the hospital was given a package of cigarettes.

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LETTERS FROM THE NOBLES

WE receive from time to time many interesting letters from Nobles in many localities expressing their appreciation of their membership in the Shrine and remarking on many of the activities of interest carried out by Aleppo Temple.

The following are some of the letters recently received:

"Dear Noble Leggee:

"A most enjoyable evening was experienced on April 30 at your Potentate's Ball by the writer, the Executive Officer and another Noble from a distant Oasis. This was made possible by your very generous invitation.

"I am forwarding your letter to my Recorder, Freddie Wilkens of Almas Temple, Washington, D. C., with the hope that they will do similar deeds at home for the visiting Nobles serving in the Armed Forces, and located in Washington.

"Hoping to see you in the very near future, I remain,

"Fraternally yours,

"J. SIDNEY WOLF,

"1st Lieutenant, Air Corps."

"My Dear Noble:

"Enclosed please find check for \$60.00 for a Permanent Endowment Membership in the Shrine Hospital Endowment Fund.

"I intended to put this money into War Bonds myself, but much prefer to do it this way where it not only helps our Government but also brings hope and happiness to some unfortunate children.

"May your drive for memberships in this fund be a big success.

"Yours very truly,

"NOBLE RUSSEL L. HUTCHINSON."

"Dear Noble Leggee:

"Please keep my ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS coming along but change the address to 494 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Every once in a while I bump into a uniform that covers the irrepressible soul of a Noble, and boy, isn't it a swell experience.

"Keep lucky,

"CAPT. RUSSELL BURKHARD,
"U. S. Army."

"U. S. Air Corps,
"Key West, Florida.

"Dear Noble:

"It is nearly a year now since I attended a meeting of Aleppo and I begin to feel I should write home and give an account of myself.

"After serving as Commanding Officer of Company F, 21st Infantry, Massachusetts State Guard, from its activation in February, 1941, to the spring

of 1942, the U. S. Army Air Corps caught me in its procurement net and on June 10, 1942, I entered active service in that branch of the Army.

"The first six weeks I spent at Miami Beach Officers' Training School where the torrid sun and an intensive course put us right in trim for active duty. The Squadron was stationed at the Naval Air Station and the quarters provided for officers were excellent. The Navy surely has all the comforts of living.

"After seven weeks of that sumptuous living we were moved to an Army Air Base that was so sandy it was dubbed 'Little Egypt.' There were no innerspring mattresses here, just plain army beds or canvas cots and tents. Just before Christmas a new setup was put into effect and I was chosen to be Adjutant of Headquarters' Squadron of the 26th Anti-submarine Wing. After two months in that duty orders were issued sending me here on temporary duty.

"From what I have seen so far, Massachusetts can feel proud of its State Guard and any of its personnel who get into Federal Service can feel that they are bringing something to the army. We, who are engaged in the defense of the nation, realize the value of the State Guard and appreciate the work of its personnel.

"One very pleasant experience happened recently when a former member of my State Guard Company arrived here for duty. Within a week, another fellow townsman, now in the navy, was assigned to this station.

"Fraternally yours,

"CAPT. JOHN COOLIDGE,

"Hq. Sq., 26th Anti-submarine Wing."



ALEPPO BOWLING

By VAIL K. HAAK
Associate Editor

THE curtain was dropped for the season on the Aleppo Bowling League at their annual banquet at the Boston City Club, April 22. Due to his duties as inspecting officer of the Commandery, our Potentate, Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr., was unable to be present at our festive board. We were honored, however, by having with us Chief Rabban Willard P. Lombard, ably assisted by Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee. These two members of the Divan presented the prizes to our winning bowlers of the season, with Willard presenting the Potentate's Trophy while Harvey presented the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS Trophy.

The Potentate's Trophy this year was won by Harold Chase with a remarkable 10 strings of 1184, which was enough to win over Girard Jones, who was about 20 pins behind.

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The ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS Trophy was won by Bill Woodman for the highest 10 strings with the handicap. The other prize winners were announced in last month's magazine.

A special drawing was held after the dinner and Bill Whitely, the captain of the winning team, won the first prize, a beautiful banjo electric Telechron clock. Dick Halliday won the second.

The officers elected for next year are: James Greig, president emeritus; Vail Haak, president; Kristian Juthe, vice president; Girard Jones, secretary, and Frank Savage, treasurer. Our junior past president, John Eaton, was elected publicity editor.

Well, so long, see you next year. We still would like some new members.

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